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SUBJECT: GOES STATISTICS ON VIOLENT DEATHS

REF: SAN SALVADOR 5666

1. THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND CENSUS IN THE MINISTRY
OF ECONOMY COMPILES DATA ON VIOLENT DEATHS. THE FOL-
LOWING TABLE MAY BE ADDED TO OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION
CONTAINED IN REFTEL.

2. VIOLENT DEATHS FROM JANUARY 1980 THROUGH APRIL 1982:

MONTE	1980	1981	1982
JANUARY	420	1,163	548
FEBRUARY	517	893	463
MARCH	619	1,033	596
APRIL	902	833	579
MAY	1,065	772	---
JUNE	1,044	708	---
JULY	1,242	701	---
AUGUST	1,114	776	---
SEPTEMBER	1,264	593	---
OCTOBER	1,330	593	---
NOVEMBER	1,153	495	---

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TOTAL --,469 ONPOQ 2,186

3. THIS DATA BEARS THE FOLLOWING CAVEATS: THE SOURCE
OF INFORMATION IS JUSTICE OF PEACE REPORTS OF DEATHS
FROM EL SALVADOR'S MUNICIPAL COURTS OF FIRST
INSTANCE. DUE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION, AN UNKNOWN
NUMBER OF MUNICIPALITIES HAVE NOT SUBMITTED REGULAR
REPORTS. FIGURES ARE ACCURATE FOR CITIES OVER 25,000.
SINCE THE DATA DOES NOT DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN CAUSES
OF DEATH, IT SHOULD BE USED TO ILLUSTRATE TRENDS ONLY.

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